## <u>Disability Awareness Month</u> Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of March, 2022, has been designated as "Disability

Awareness Month" to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities by the Governor of the State of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way

diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience full in the economic,

political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American

society; and

**WHEREAS**, family members, friends and members of the community can play

a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged

in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of this city and state properly include providing

individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions: live in homes and communities

where such individuals can exercise their full rights and

responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, State and Nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others:

and achieve full inclusion in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2022 as:

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in the City of Lafayette, and call upon citizens of Lafayette, to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; furthermore, I encourage the citizens of Lafayette to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters concerning disabilities.

Tony Roswarski, Mayor City of Lafayette